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Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1957 (2010)

I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1957 (2010), by which the Security Council decided, inter alia, to review in one year's time progress made by Iraq on its commitment to ratify the Additional Protocol to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and meet its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council in this regard.

2. The information contained in the present report has been provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

II. Information provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency

3. On 6 September 2011, the International Atomic Energy Agency reported that as at 5 September 2011, the Additional Protocol to the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement had not entered into force in Iraq. However, since 17 February 2010, Iraq has continued to implement the Additional Protocol provisionally pending its entry into force.

III. Information provided by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

4. On 30 September 2011, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons reported that Iraq had acceded to the Chemical Weapons Convention on 13 January 2009 and that on 12 February 2009 the Convention had entered into force. On 12 February 2009, Iraq also notified the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons that it had designated the Iraq National Monitoring Directorate as its national authority, as required under article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention, to serve as the national focal point for effective liaison with the Organization.

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5. Iraq has submitted declarations under the various provisions of the Convention towards fulfilling its obligations. In this regard, it is also noted that following the initial declaration of the Government of Iraq on 12 March 2009, the initial technical inspection to various former production and storage facilities was carried out from 1 to 4 May 2011 by the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. The Government of Iraq is continuing its cooperation with the Organization to implement the Convention.